IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Aime et al. Confirmation No.: 7608

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PARAMAGNETIC COMPLEXES FOR MRI APPLICATIONS

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment and Response to Final Office Action is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 2, 2008. A response to the January 2, 2008 Final Office Action was originally due on April 2, 2008. Applicants are concurrently filing a petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the response deadline up to an including May 2, 2008. Thus this Amendment and Response to Final Office Action is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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